

ASRS WEEKLY REPORT

ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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For the week ending Friday, August 25, 2006

This electronic report provides a briefing of news and notices important to our employer partners and our members. Please direct comments to WeeklyReport@azasrs.gov.

ASRS Employer News

2006 Employer Conference Information

The ASRS 2006 Employer Conference series is scheduled to begin in August with meetings taking place throughout the state.

These meetings are for representatives from member employer Payroll, Benefits and Human Resource departments and any staff who provide administrative support.

Meetings will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See schedule below.

Come learn about:

- > Legislative changes
- > Updates on contribution reporting
- > Rulemaking updates, including membership rules
- > Records management & the employer's responsibilities
- > Contribution rates and Permanent Benefit Increase
- > Advances in automated processes, including on-line forms
- > Updates to the ASRS website, including the new My ASRS Homepage
- > The ASRS Health Insurance and Long Term Disability programs

Additional meetings have been added to the Phoenix schedule with new dates in October and November this year! And, special meetings have been scheduled just for state agencies for September 7 at the ADOA Phoenix office.

Reservations Required for All Meetings!

Please RSVP at least two weeks in advance. Include in your email: the employer name, mailing address, name of those attending and their titles, contact phone number with area code, date & location of the meeting you'd like to attend. Send your email today to: weeklyreport@azasrs.gov

2006 Schedule

Phoenix

ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Avenue
10th floor Board Room

August 29, 30 - 10 seats left in each
October 10 November 1 – 19 seats left

Tucson

ASRS Office, 7660 E. Broadway Blvd.
Suite 101

August 31 Full September 28 - Full

Yuma

City of Yuma Complex-Conference Room 142
One City Plaza

September 12 – 5 seats left

Kingman

Kingman School District Board Room
3033 MacDonald Avenue

September 13 – 28 seats left

Prescott

Yavapai College-Performance Hall Green Room
1100 E. Sheldon Road

September 14 – 9 seats left

Bisbee

Cochise County Equipment Road Yard
1229 Hereford Road

September 19 – 25 seats left

Safford

City Hall Annex
808 S. Eighth Avenue

September 20 - 35 seats left

Globe

Gila County Courthouse-Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
1400 E. Ash Street

September 21 – 35 seats left

**Special Meetings
State Agencies Only**

ADOA Phoenix Office
100 N. 15th Ave., 3rd Floor Conference Room

September 7
9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. – 30 seats left

ASRS Member News

Educational meetings offered to inform, assist members

The Member Services Division of the ASRS conducts educational meetings available to all members. Whether you're newly hired and want to learn about the benefits available to you, or you're ready to retire and want assistance filling out your paperwork and making annuity selections, the ASRS has a meeting for you.

Group Meetings are designed for members within one year of retiring. You'll learn about potential monthly benefits and options, completing retirement paperwork, health insurance, and return-to-work options.

Seminars are open to all members and are especially helpful to new members. You'll learn about the ASRS, benefits as an active, inactive and retired member, member responsibilities, retirement benefit calculations, wills and trusts and Social Security benefits.

Service Purchase Meetings are open to all members. Here you'll learn about the Service Purchase Program, the process for purchasing service, types of service available for purchase, cost calculations and payment options.

Visit our website and click on the Calendars section to see a full listing. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Member Service Advisory Center at (602) 240-2000 in Phoenix, (520) 239-3100 in Tucson, or (800) 621-3778 outside Phoenix and Tucson.

ASRS Employer Workshops Fall 2006

Employer Relations ER 101 workshops

The ASRS Employer Relations Department is again hosting a series of workshops to assist employers with new staff members who have duties and responsibilities related to the ASRS and retirement. ER 101 is designed especially for those who haven't worked with the ASRS in the recent past. Come learn the basics!

Subject matter will include determining membership, the ASRS Long Term Disability plan, reporting contributions, the ASRS Return to Work Program, the Health Insurance Premium Benefit Program, completing necessary ASRS forms and more. Workshops will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor Board Room. (Southwest corner of Central Ave and Osborn Rd.)

Phoenix

ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Avenue
10th floor Board Room

October 25, 2006

Tucson

ASRS Office, 7660 E. Broadway Blvd.
Suite 101

October 19, 2006

Workshop Time: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Space is limited! Please RSVP 7 days in advance of the workshop date. Include in your email: the employer name, mailing address, name of those attending and their titles, contact phone number with area code, date & location of the meeting you'd like to attend. Send your email today to: **weeklyreport@azasrs.gov**

ASRS Board & Committee Meetings

ASRS Board of Trustees

Friday, October 20, 2006, 8:30 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor Board Room.

Operations Committee

Thursday, September 21, 2006, 10:30 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor.

Investment Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2006, 5:30 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor.

External Affairs Committee

Friday, October 6, 2006, 10 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor.

Note: All Board & Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged. Schedules, agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on our website and are available at our Phoenix and Tucson offices.